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RANK OF INDIA IN ENVIRONMENTAL POLLUTION
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is moving ahead in the rank of environmental pollution in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a)to(c) No conclusive reports are available indicating India moving ahead in the rank of environmental pollution in the world.However,as per 2005 Environmental Sustainability Index (ESI), the ranking of India is at 101 position out of 146 countries.

A number of steps have been initiated to mitigate environmental pollution which inter-alia include the following:

Notification of general and source specific environmental standards;

Introduction of cleaner fuels and improved vehicular technologies;

Implementation of the Charter on Corporate Responsibility for Environmental Protection (CREP) for seventeen categories of polluting industries; and

Regular monitoring for environmental compliance.